[Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

Sankhumukham on the 30th December last under the presidency of M. R. Ry. Dewan Bahadur A. Govinda Pillai Avargal, and, if so, what action has been taken by them in the matter?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Copies of the resolutions passed at the meeting were forwarded to the Government by the President and they have been referred to the Excise Commissioner.

Revenue Collection.

199. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): With reference to my question regarding the unsatisfactory nature of the collection work done by Tahsildars and the answer given by the Government, will the Government be pleased to state whether any report has since been received from the Land Revenue Commissioner on the matter and what action has been taken thereon?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The report called for from the Land Revenue Commissioner has been received and it is under the consideration of the Government.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): When was the report received?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Three weeks ago.

Prosecution of Grave Offences.

200. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of times the District Superintendents of Police and the Assistant Superintendents of Police have attended courts to watch the prosecution of grave offences in 1098?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A statement* furnishing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

Work of the Excise Committee.

201. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many meetings of the Excise Committee have been held;

(*b*) what progress has been made; and

(*c*) whether the report will be ready in Makaram as required in the G. O.?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Only one meeting was held and that was on the 12th January, 1924.

(*b*) and (*c*) Government have no information.

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* *Vide* Appendix II page 689.

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